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SUBJECT: SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AGREE TO RETAIN "IRISH DIMENSION"

1. ONE IMPORTANT DECISION ANNUAL CONFERENCE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP) HELD BELFAST JAN. 18 THROUGH 20 WAS TO REITERATE IN A MOTION THAT "AN IRISH DIMENSION IS A PREREQUISITE OF THE SDLP RE-ENTERING ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN THE SIX COUNTIES". JOHN HUME, AUSTIN CURRIE, SEAMUS MALLON AND ED MC GRADY SPOKE FOR THE MOTION. IT CLEAR THERE NO RPT NO DISPOSITION CALL FOR FORMAL ORGANIZATION SUCH AS A COUNCIL OF IRELAND. IN FACT IRISH DIMENSION PURPOSELY UNDEFINED. STRESS LAID UPON NECESSITY RECOGNIZE BOTH BRITISH AND IRISH TRADITIONS IN NORTH AND IMPORTANCE COOPERATION BETWEEN COMMUNITIES. LOYALIST DISTRUST ACKNOWLEDGED AS WAS NECESSITY ASSUAGE LOYALIST FEARS. MOTION CARRIED BY THE SOME TWO HUNDRED DELEGATES WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS.

2. THERE NO RPT NO COMPARABLE ATTENTION TO WHAT IS VITAL ISSUE IN PRESENT CONTEXT THAT OF SDLP SUPPORT FOR POLICE. M.P. GERRY FITT AND CHIEF WHIP PADDY O'HANLON ALLUDED TO IMPRACTICALITY ATTEMPTING POLICE CERTAIN AREAS NORTHERN IRELAND IN ABSENCE OVERALL POLITICAL SOLUTION I.E. ONE THAT INCLUDES MINORITY
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PARTICIPATION CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. THIS WILL CONTINUE BE ISSUE

AS CONVENTION ELECTION APPROACHES.

3. THERE NO RPT NO SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF WHETHER SDLP
WOULD CONTEST ELECTION. IT SEEMED BE ASSUMED PARTY WOULD
FIELD CANDIDATES AND TAKE AS MANY SEATS (NINETEEN) AS HELD
IN ASSEMBLY.

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